GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:125
ANSWERED ON:25.07.2017
Survey of Farmers
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of agricultural families/ households in the country, State/UT-wise;

(b) whether the Government has any scheme for door to door survey of farmers for ascertaining their financial condition and the agricultural problems currently being faced by them and if so, the details thereof including the number of farmers who are under the Below Poverty Line (BPL), State/UT-wise;

(c) the area of agricultural land that has not been provided with irrigation facilities, State/UT-wise; and

(d) the area of agricultural land that is still being cultivated by obsolete implements like plough and yoke etc. in the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE
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(a) to (d): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 125 DUE FOR REPLY ON 25TH JULY, 2017.

(a): As per the "Situation Assessment Survey of Agricultural Households" conducted by National Sample Survey Office (NSSO) during its 70th round (January 2013- December 2013), rural India is estimated to have 90.2 million agricultural households during the agricultural year July 2012-June 2013. State-wise details are given in Annexure-I.
(b): In order to have a comprehensive assessment of the situation of farmers in the country, Government of India conducts Situation Assessment Survey (SAS) of Farmers from time to time. The Survey was last conducted by the NSSO during its 70th Round (January, 2013- December, 2013) to collect information on various aspects of farming and other socio-economic characteristics of agricultural households, viz., income and productive assets, consumer expenditure, indebtedness, farming practices and preferences, resource availability, awareness of technological developments and access to modern technology in the field of agriculture, information on crop loss, crop insurance, etc. Under the survey, the NSSO conducts door to door visit/ survey of the agricultural households covered under the sample frame. The number of farmers who are under the Below Poverty Line (BPL) are not separately estimated in the survey report.
(c): As per the Land-Use Statistics 2014-15, about 102 million hectare of the total cropped area in the country has not been covered with irrigation facilities. State/ UT-wise details of unirrigated area in the country are given in Annexure-II.
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(d): The information on area of agricultural land being cultivated with obsolete implements is not available. Government, however, conducts Input Survey under the Agriculture Census to collect information on various inputs used for agricultural purposes, viz., fertilizers, manures, pesticides, machinery and implements, etc. The details of estimated number of hand operated and animal drawn implements being used by operational holdings as per Input Survey 2011-12 is given in Annexure-III.